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Mumbai terror attacks kill 101

Gunmen hold foreign hostages in hotels, at least 12 police dead

At least 101 people were killed in what officials called "terrorist attacks" by gunmen in India's commercial hub Mumbai and security forces began moving on two luxury hotels where foreign hostages were being held, officials and witnesses said.

The attacks by small groups of gunmen armed with automatic weapons and grenades on the hotels and other sites came amid state elections, including in Kashmir, and risk destabilizing the country ahead of national elections next year.

Police said they had killed four gunmen and arrested nine suspects. They said 12 police were killed, including Hemant Karkare, the chief of the anti-terrorist squad in Mumbai.

As of Metro's deadline last night, Vilasrao Deshmukh, Maharashtra state chief minister, was saying the situation was not yet contained.

"It is very difficult to say how many terrorists are holed up in the two hotels," he said, although Indian Home Minister Shivraj Patil had earlier said there were up to five at-

tackers in each.

A witness said that hours after the assaults began, police surrounded the Taj Hotel, with fresh firing heard and a floodlight scanning its exterior. A fire in the hotel was still not under control.

Gunfire and explosions were heard at the landmark Taj Mahal hotel and smoke rose from the building. Staff and guests were seen running out of the lobby. There were also explosions at the Oberoi hotel and firing at a hospital where gunmen were surrounded.

Security forces were seen moving into the hotels.

"The terrorists are throwing grenades at us from the rooftop of the Taj and trying to stop us from moving in," said Ashok Patil, a police inspector.

Police said at least 287 people were wounded in the attacks, which also targeted a railway station and the city's famous Cafe Leopold restaurant.

A previously little-known organization calling itself the Deccan Mujahideen claimed responsibility in an e-mail to news media.

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A reporter talks on her phone as plumes of smoke rise from the top of the landmark Taj Hotel in Mumbai. Heavy firing could be heard and local television reported that unknown assailants had earlier attacked the hotel. At least six of the reported dead are foreigners.

City's Indo-Canadian community pledges help for victims

Ottawa's Indo-Canadian community was reeling yesterday after hearing news of the terror attacks in Mumbai, India.

"This is terrible, terrible, very upsetting, and at the same time shocking," said India-Canada Association National Capital Region Presi-

dent, Asha Lata Mehta.

"We can't believe it." Mehta said the Indian community here is already thinking about ways it can help after armed terrorists stormed several public areas in co-ordinated attacks that killed at least 101 people and wound-

ed more than 287 others.

The organization will likely work with others to collect money for families and for survivors. In the past, the association has raised money in the wake of natural disasters, including floods.

"Right now, we're in shock,"

she said. "We're not really thinking about the next step, but we'll be reaching through the media to do fundraising. We don't know how many people need help or what they need yet, if it's money, but we will help."

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Council counts cash for its huge transit plan

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There are no guarantees, but based on everything the city knows today about its revenue streams and funding commitments, staff believe that Ottawa can finance and complete its ambitious transit plan.

The debate over Ottawa's transit future will resume

tomorrow after councillors spent yesterday grilling city staff over details of the Transportation Master Plan, especially about the municipality's ability to pay it's portion of the first stage of the light rail network that calls for a downtown tunnel with trains running from Tunney's Pasture to Blair Station.

Based on an annual three-per cent inflation

rate, city treasurer Marian Simulik said the first increment is estimated to cost \$2.1 billion by 2021, with the city's share pegged at \$700 million.

Ottawa's share would come from reserves, development charges, gas tax revenue and debt financing, while not detracting from existing transit service, Simulik assured council.

She admitted the plan

still hinges on the assumption that federal and provincial governments will each contribute a third of the funds,

"The plan we have is only a plan. It works for now until we find out from the other levels of government," she said.

Councillors Clive Doucet and Christine Leadman again attempted to have Carling Avenue considered as

the primary route for a western light rail corridor, but council voted 15-9 against an environmental assessment.

Council approved a motion that could potentially preserve the O-Train and have light rail running from Hurdman Station to South Keys, along the Transitway, instead.

Council will re-convene at 11 a.m. tomorrow on the issue.



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Cops are looking for man who exposed himself in public

Ottawa police are investigating two indecent acts that occurred in the west end in the last week. Just after 8 a.m. on Nov. 21 and 24, a man exposed himself to women in the area of Dumaui Avenue and Grenon Avenue. Anyone with information should call police at 613-236-1222, ext. 5944. **OTTAWA POLICE**

Ottawa



Student rides grades to a Rhodes

Alysia Garmulewicz, left, is the fifth student from Carleton University to win a prestigious Rhodes scholarship and plans on attending Oxford University next fall. First awarded in Canada in 1904, Rhodes scholarships are well-known international scholarships, with up to 11 awarded annually in Canada. **CARLETON UNIVERSITY**

Strike vote to spur talks

Transit union wants OC Transpo to take talks seriously

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Transit managers, fleet supervisors and special constables for OC Transpo could be going on strike by Dec. 23.

Late Tuesday night, the 140 members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 5500 supported a strike by a vote of 97 per cent.

CUPE Local president Wayne Watts said yesterday the vote sends a clear message that the union's demands need to be taken seriously when contract nego-

"Everybody is working hard, both the union and the company, to get a resolution."

Alain Mercier, Transit Services Director

tiations resume Dec. 5.

"I'm going in and I'm saying, let's get this done with and get a contact here. We're not going to carry on this way," said Watts. "If this is forcing a strike, we'll go down that road as it happens."

According to Watts, one of the major issues is that there is no incentive for drivers or mechanics to take on supervisory posi-

tions because there is not a sufficient raise to go with the added responsibility. Historically, drivers in the ATU 276 would eventually become CUPE 5500 transit supervisors. Mechanics would similarly switch unions to become a foreman or garage supervisor.

"The next gap up from us is a \$24,000 gap. They have to bring up ours to make someone give up his senior-

ity or give up day shifts, to start fresh at the next level," he said. "For \$2 an hour, it is not enough incentive for the jump. You're going to give up too much."

Transit Services Director Alain Mercier said it was premature to speculate how a strike by managers and transit security workers would affect transit service. With negotiations set to resume next week, he insisted there is no reason both sides cannot reach an agreement.

"Everybody is working hard, both the union and the company, to get a resolution," he said.

Controversy causes CUSA to reconsider

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SHINERAMA A bout of national outrage has convinced Carleton University's students union to reconsider a controversial decision to drop an annual fundraiser that supports Cystic Fibrosis.

"It has become clear that there is not an appetite at Carleton to change from Shinerama," Brittany

Smyth, the

Carleton Uni-

versity Stu-

dents Associa-

tion (CUSA)

president,

said in a state-

ment. "The

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"I do apologize for the negative attention Carleton has received."

CUSA had voted on Monday to cancel its long-standing Shinerama fundraiser on the basis that CF mostly affected "white people, and primarily men" and was not inclusive enough a disease to represent Carleton's "diverse" campus.

The national media attention and community outcry that followed the decision — which critics decried as racist, sexist and

based on incorrect information — had student officials backpedaling yesterday.

Smyth said the matter will be re-examined at CUSA's next meeting.

University administration yesterday released a statement that scolded CUSA for "language which was not appropriate" but defends their right "to donate their time and funds to the charity of their choice."

Carleton

president

Roseann

O'Reilly

Runte said, "I

am sure that

they did not

intend to of-

fend by the

preamble to

their motion."

Smyth maintains the resolution to shift student fundraising efforts from CF to other charities — not the controversial language of its preamble — was what students were really voting on.

"I believe this issue has been blown out of proportion."

CF is hereditary and the most common fatal, genetic disease affecting young Canadians.

It affects girls and boys equally. Many sufferers are non-white.

"The responsible thing to do is to reverse the decision."

Brittany Smyth, CUSA president

News in brief

FATAL A 52-year-old Casselman dump-truck driver now faces charges in relation to a fatal collision that killed a 86-year-old woman at Rideau Street and Cumberland Avenue on Halloween, police said yesterday. Stephanie Clavel, 86, died after being struck at the intersection just after 11 a.m. on Oct. 31. Brent Gagne, 52, faces charges of start from stopped position not in safety under the Highway Traffic Act, among other charges. **METRO OTTAWA**

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City gallery scores art-world coup

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NGC The most seasoned art critic will appreciate what a coup it is for the National Gallery of Canada to open an exhibit on Gian Lorenzo Bernini, but all visitors will "take something from the exhibit" of the Italian portrait sculptor's creations.

Some works that have never before been viewed outside of Italy are included, but the gallery's deputy director and chief curator says "it's not a scholarly exhibition."

"You have an artist that was very interested in engaging the viewer," said Dr. David Franklin. "There's an informality and spontaneity about his work that appeals to people."

Opening tomorrow, Bernini and the Birth of Baroque Portrait Sculpture, co-organized by the NGC and the J. Paul Getty Museum, is a rare international exhibition of sculptural portraits from early 17th century Rome.

The exhibit includes 27



The National Gallery of Canada's chief curator, Dr. David Franklin, admires the sculpture of Costanza Bonarelli, the love interest of artist Gian Lorenzo Bernini, at the gallery yesterday.

busts made from marble, bronze and magmatic rock; 10 paintings and 13 works on paper. These works are being exhibited together for the first time in Canada.

"Bernini is one of the most important artists of the Baroque period," said

Franklin.

Bernini's goal was to create portraits that engage the viewer, he said. "Some people may find these unsettling because they are so detailed, but I think people will react to the spontaneity and the sense of movement."

'Bawdy house' charges follow police raid, multiple arrests

CRIME Eight people face charges in relation to operating a "bawdy house" and police seized more than \$17,100 after searching three Centretown residences on a warrant.

Police searches at unit 401 of 176 Gloucester St., unit E of 386 Bank St. and a residence on Radstock Private capped a three-month investigation by police in

Ottawa, Gatineau and the Canada Border Services Agency, city police said yesterday.

Five women and three men face charges: Yu Hua Li, 39, John Spence, 64, Michael Boal, 37, Bin Shao, 50, Yanchun Li, 50, and Andrew Norton, 31, all of Ottawa, and Kwai Li, 45, and Yanzhu Zhao, 33, of Toronto. **METRO OTTAWA**



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Passengers stranded nine hours

A routine bus trip turned into a nine-hour test of survival for a group of northern Manitobans. A Grey Goose bus carrying 13 passengers broke down just before 11 p.m. Sunday, and it wasn't until 8 a.m. Monday that the first vehicle passed by the stranded passengers. The driver was unable to make contact via wireless radio since the bus was halted in an area that is a "dead zone" for the device.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

News in brief

FUNDING The Tories, fending off complaints from home and abroad that they are moving too slowly on a stimulus package for the economy, said yesterday it would probably deliver its economic boost faster than the United States.

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More troops off to Afghanistan

Canada is sending 250 more military personnel to Afghanistan, an increase of 10 per cent, to help deploy helicopters and drones in the country, a Defence Department spokesman said yesterday.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay said eight Griffon helicopters would be sent to Afghanistan early next year to act as escort aircraft for recently acquired Chinook medium-to heavy-lift choppers. Canada is also taking delivery of unmanned aerial vehicles to help with reconnaissance.

MacKay spokesman Dan

Dugas said the aerial deployment would increase the number of Canadian Forces personnel to 2,750 from 2,500.

The announcement was made on the same day that Afghan President Hamid Karzai told a news conference in Afghanistan that he would bring down U.S. planes bombing villages if he could.

Trade Minister Stockwell Day, head of a cabinet committee on Afghanistan, said Karzai's remarks were made during an election campaign but said he could not understand them.

REUTERS

Pullout

- Day added that Canada was in Afghanistan at the invitation of government, and would remain until its troops are scheduled to pull out in 2011

University of Calgary Pro-life demonstration



Pro-life group members at the U of C were informed they and their displays were trespassing on university property yesterday, prompting campus security to get the Calgary police involved. U of C initially threatened the pro-life group with possible arrest and expulsion if they erected the signs, but yesterday campus security informed seven members of the group they were trespassing on university property. The police then issued summonses.

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Polar bear's gender mixed up

Handlers of a popular polar bear, brought to mate with a female in a zoo in northern Japan, found their breeding plan was doomed when they noticed that he, in fact, was a she. **REUTERS**

World/Business

MySpace mom guilty

Could face up to 3 years in jail but cleared of felonies

A suburban mother who prosecutors say drove a love-struck 13-year-old girl to suicide by tormenting her with a fake MySpace persona was acquitted yesterday of the most serious charges against her.

Lori Drew was found guilty of three misdemeanor counts in the high-profile case, which made worldwide headlines and prompted calls for social networking sites like MySpace to crack down on such activities.

She was cleared of three felonies by the U.S. District Court jury, which deadlocked on a fourth count of conspiracy.

Drew, who created the fake profile after her daughter and neighbour

Megan Meier had a falling out, showed no reaction as the verdicts were read.

The Missouri woman will face a sentence ranging from probation to three years behind bars for the misdemeanor convictions. She could have been sent to federal prison for up to 20 years if she had been convicted on the felony charges.

Prosecutors say Drew and others created the fake MySpace persona of a 16-year-old boy to woo Meier for several weeks, then abruptly ended the relationship and said the world would be better off without her.

Meier hanged herself in October 2006, just hours after she had read those final messages. **REUTERS**



Tina Meier, mother of Megan Meier, speaks at a news conference in Los Angeles yesterday. Lori Drew was convicted of three misdemeanor federal charges for helping create a fake MySpace account and tormenting Megan Meier, a 13-year-old girl, who wound up committing suicide.

Olmert may face tax evasion, bribery trial

Israel's attorney general said yesterday he was considering indicting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert for fraud, bribery and tax evasion in a case over fake travel expenses that has already forced him to resign.

Olmert is serving as caretaker prime minister until a new government is formed after a Feb. 10 election, but an indictment could increase pressure on him to leave office earlier.

Attorney General Men-

Border

- Israel reopened its border crossings with the Hamas-run Gaza Strip yesterday, allowing in limited amounts of food and fuel.

achem Mazuz told Olmert he was "considering bringing criminal charges regarding suspicions of various violations as part of the Rishon Tours Affair," a statement said. **REUTERS**

News in brief

PIRACY The Somali pirate "mother ship" that the Indian Navy sank in the Gulf of Aden last week was actually a Thai ship that was being hijacked, an anti-piracy watchdog said yesterday.

TERRORISM U.S. authorities have warned of a possible al-Qaida threat to transit systems in and around New York City, a Homeland Security official said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Business

BCE deal a no-go?

The \$52-billion US purchase of BCE Inc. looks destined to die with a whimper — or more likely a sigh of relief — after an accounting firm said it was unlikely to sign off on a so-called "solvency test" needed to complete the transaction.

After navigating a year-long storm of high-profile legal challenges and market crises, the world's biggest leveraged buyout found itself thrown on the rocks yesterday after KPMG said it was unlikely to deliver "an opinion that BCE would meet the solvency tests" by the deal's Dec. 11 deadline.

The Bell Canada parent said it was "disappointed"

with the assessment and was reviewing the methodology used.

But amid a backdrop of faltering banks, freefalling markets and a looming global recession, there was little optimism that the buyers would also be pressing KPMG to change its mind given they can now bow out gracefully without paying the deal's hefty \$1.2 billion break fee.

"My sense is that, given market conditions, most of the protagonists in this might be just as happy to see the deal not done," said Thomas Caldwell of Caldwell Financial Ltd. when asked how it would be received.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Magna to spin off entertainment

GAMING Under a complex plan, auto-parts magnate Frank Stronach will take direct control of money-losing horse racing and gaming company Magna Entertainment Corp., the racetrack operator and its parent company said.

Magna International's MI Developments, MEC's controlling shareholder, will buy back \$240 million in shares. **REUTERS**

In brief

AUTOS Toyota's debt rating was cut to AA from AAA by Fitch, its first downgrade in a decade, while Suzuki said it would continue to work with GM.

RETAIL U.S. retailers are going to new lengths to encourage consumers spending this holiday, filling the air with pine and cinnamon scents, decking the halls with boughs of holly and tinsel, and lining up employees to clap as customers enter. **REUTERS**

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No second chances

Paul Martin should not lead Liberals despite calls for support

Home&Abroad

Andrew Cohen

Canada & world insight

Could the next leader of the Liberal Party of Canada be the one before the last one? Could it be Paul Martin?

Sheila Copps, the former deputy prime minister, reports that some Liberals are dreaming of a "Draft Martin" movement. They believe that the three declared leadership contenders lack Martin's economic experience.

With the economy in recession and the budget in deficit, she writes, a former finance minister who balanced the budget and presided over a surging economy may emerge as

the man on horseback. At least that's the hope.

"Some Martinites ... are rallying to the former finance minister to save the day and deliver 'the natural governing party' back where it belongs, in power," she writes in *The Hill Times*.

An intriguing idea. After all, Martin has just published his memoir, giving him the opportunity to reintroduce and reinvent himself. Predictably, he is reminding Canadians of his exemplary economic stewardship.

Martin can take some proprietary pride, for example, in the recent gathering of the leaders of lead-

ing industrialized countries. He proposed a broader organization of nations in a ghost-written article a few years ago in *Foreign Affairs*, the organ of the American foreign policy establishment.

So here we have an economic crisis, a leadership contest and a former politician who may be out of politics — he gave up his seat in the last election — but not out of ambition. Does all that mean Martin Redux? A triumphant return from exile in Elba?

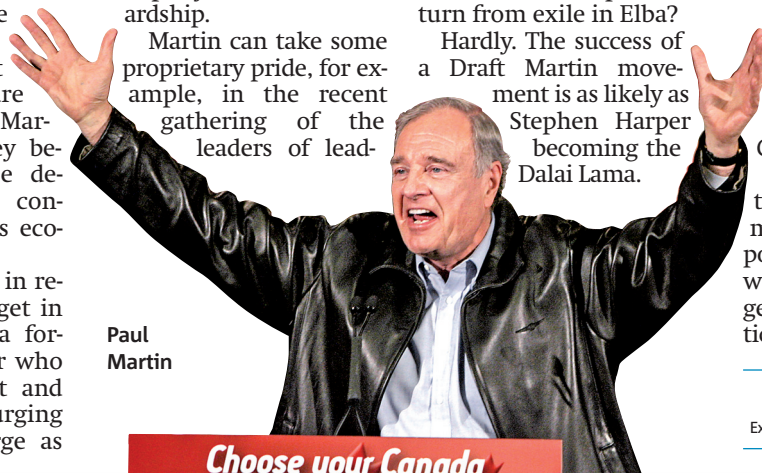
Hardly. The success of a Draft Martin movement is as likely as Stephen Harper becoming the Dalai Lama.

It's true that Martin was among the most successful finance ministers in our history. He inherited a ruinous situation, slew the deficit, cut taxes and laid the groundwork for the dazzling growth of the next decade.

But he was a better finance minister than he was a prime minister, where he rose to a new level of indecision and ineptitude. Politically, he had mounted a coup d'état against Jean Chrétien, who had won three majorities. He offered none of his rivals — including Copps and John Manley — a place in his cabinet. Then he tried to unseat those Liberals who opposed him, including Copps.

This civil war weakened the party. Martin lost his majority in 2004 and lost power in 2006. He deserved what he got and he won't get a second chance. Politics doesn't work that way.

Andrew Cohen, a professor and journalist, is the author of *Extraordinary Canadians: Lester B. Pearson*.



Paul Martin

Views

No one's safe from identity thieves



Michael Shepherd

We all have heard about identity theft, but most of us think it will never happen to us — until it does. According to a CBC article last year, one in six Canadians have been victims of identity theft. It is the fastest growing white-collar crime in both Canada and the U.S., with losses in the U.S. amounting to over \$5 billion. I'll refrain from comparing this to the recent financial meltdown on Wall Street.

As a computer scientist of many years, I thought I was fairly safe. I have firewalls on my computers, I rarely

buy anything online, and I change my passwords frequently. But it was a paper transaction with a credit card that did me in.

My wife was in Sweden last spring and used a credit card that we seldom use. A month later, the bill came with a \$46 Canadian transaction on it, to a genealogy company we didn't recognize.

This was the "test" transaction by the people stealing my identity, checking to make sure the card was valid. The fraudsters were probably doing research that would allow them to steal my identity.

Luckily, a week later I called the credit-card company to complain about junk mail. During the process of trying to register my complaint, they had

According to a CBC article, one in six Canadians have been victims of identity theft.

to verify my identity. Now there was a long pause at the other end, followed by "Are you sure you don't live on St. Clair East in Toronto?" The thieves had put my credit-card number together with personal information easily available on the web, to gain online access to the credit card company and change the information on my file.

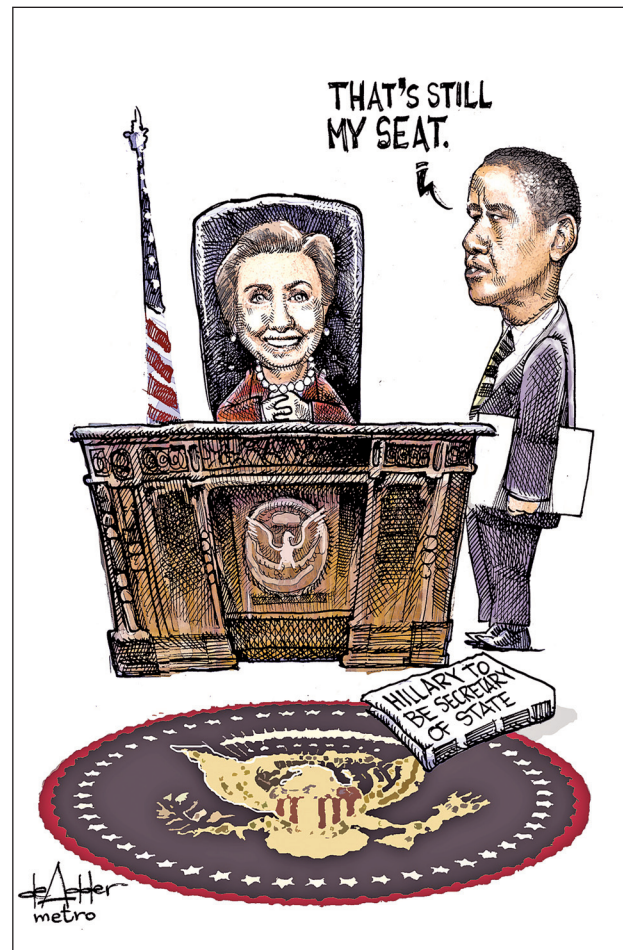
I nipped this one in the bud and was not liable for the charges the thieves had rung up since the test transaction. But the prob-

lem is that such companies report all changes in your personal data to the credit bureaus — so three major credit bureaus now thought I lived in Toronto.

This was like opening Pandora's box. After a lot of angst and a lot of work, we were able to correct the information on file with the various agencies and put fraud alerts on all of our accounts. Still, some of the false information is out there and we are waiting for the next instalment.

The following site and the sites it links to have helpful hints for protecting yourself: www.rcmpgpc.gc.ca/scams/identity_theft_e.htm

Michael Shepherd is the dean of the Faculty of Computer Science at Dalhousie University.



Letters

Sarah Palin gives feminism a new twist

With all due respect, Andrew Cohen is in error when he characterized Sarah Palin as "anti-feminist." In fact, she is the new face of feminism. Hillary's generation focused on breaking glass ceilings regarding career and sexual reproductive choices. The younger Palin-age group is pro-life, pro-family and pro-woman, all by choice.

RICARDO DI CECCA
BURLINGTON

Throne speech cartoon funny, not racist

Re: Canadian economy may be scary, but cartoon wasn't, Nov. 26.

The Nov. 20 cartoon of Michaëlle Jean was certainly not racist. It was mocking the throne speech that she delivered the day before, in which she presented a gloomy forecast for the economy. I think the cartoonist would have created a similar image no matter who the governor general was at the time. I found this cartoon quite humorous.

CHRIS A JOHNSTON
HALIFAX

Student body's take on cystic fibrosis appalling

Re: Disease not "diverse" enough for support, Nov. 26. I was appalled by Carleton University Students' Association's decision on an annual fundraiser for cystic fibrosis. My first thought was how ignorant. The second thought was about my family.

My father was the president of the Kinsman Club in P.E.I. in the 1960s. He was one of the pioneers of the shoeshine drive. My brother and sister both had cystic fibrosis. My mother recently passed away this year and she left \$5,000 for the CF Foundation in her will. She would be turning in her grave if she saw the story.

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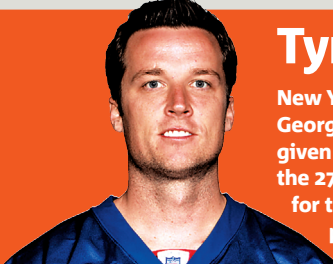
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Report: Argos interview Fassel

A Vancouver radio station reported that Toronto Argonauts GM Adam Rita interviewed former New York Giants coach Jim Fassel for the team's head coaching vacancy yesterday. Fassel is also reportedly in the running for the Oakland Raiders job. **SOURCE: TSN**

Sports

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Tynes asks Bush for pardon

New York Giants kicker Lawrence Tynes, left, has asked the George W. Bush administration to commute a lengthy sentence given to his brother for distributing marijuana. Tynes maintains that the 27-year sentence that his brother Mark is serving was excessive for the crime. It is customary for outgoing U.S. presidents to grant pardons before they leave office.

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Burke alone can bring back this rivalry

How interesting that the Senators host the Toronto Maple Leafs tonight, just days before the hated Leafs get a makeover like they've never seen before. Actually, the imminent hiring of **Brian Burke** is probably just what the Battle of Ontario, which has become a little stale over the past couple of seasons,

needs. It seems long gone are the days when the Senators would dominate the Leafs in the regular season only to lose to them in the playoffs. And since there's a good chance neither of them will be in the playoffs this season based on their performance in the first quarter of the season, don't look for a repeat of that anytime soon.

But Burke coming to Toronto makes things interesting on a couple of fronts. First of all, he'll improve the roster and the Leafs will become more competitive. More gritty, too. But can you imagine the potential war of words between Burke and Ottawa counterpart **Bryan Murray**, assum-

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ing Murray sticks around long enough to participate in them? Burke and Murray are two of the best in the league at delivering stinging one-liners and could do a lot to rekindle the rivalry.

Burke could point to the Stanley Cup ring he won in Anaheim and ask Murray why he doesn't have one in over two decades in the game. Murray could re-

spond by saying he built the team in Anaheim and Burke was just sucking his fumes and was along the ride for the Stanley Cup. Burke could then respond by saying that if things were so great in Anaheim, why did he leave in the first place? You get the drift.

The bottom line, though, is that with or without Murray, the Battle of Ontario is about to get a lot more interesting.

That's because Burke wears the black hat very comfortably and seems to have little regard for what those outside his inner circle think of him.

He speaks his mind and does not dispense with pleasantries very often.

He's fiercely loyal to his players and, above all, he realizes that a healthy rivalry sells.

So if you think you had good reason to hate the Maple Leafs before, wait until this guy rolls into town.



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Browns' Quinn done for season

NFL The Cleveland Browns announced yesterday that Brady Quinn's broken index finger on his throwing hand will end the quarterback's season. Quinn was injured against the Bills Nov. 17, but he haphazardly played through the pain in a subpar effort on Sunday, hitting just 8-of-18 passes with two interceptions.

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NHL Penguins beat Islanders



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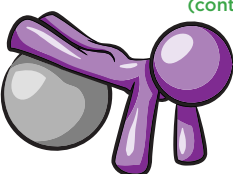
Research shows that short bouts of intense exercise can enhance weight loss, cardiovascular fitness, muscle mass, strength and mood.

Vary your weekly exercise routine to include walking briskly, climbing stairs,

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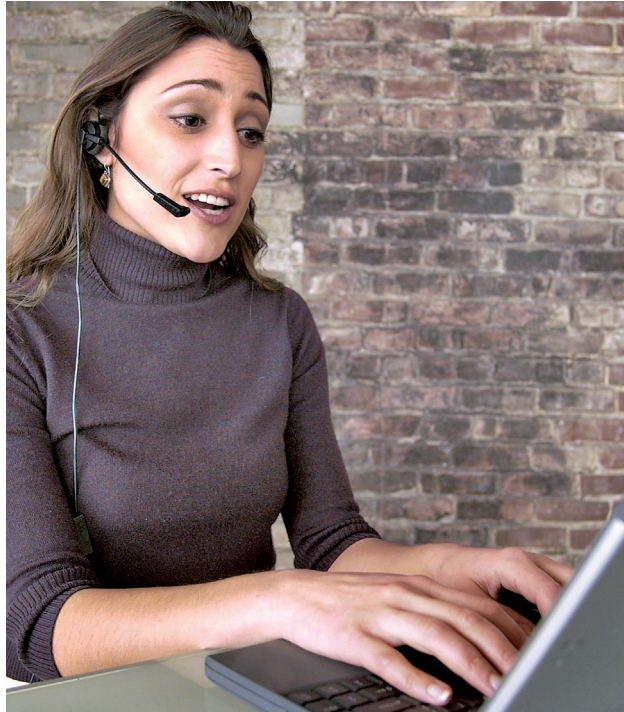
Tech Now

Black Friday

U.S. Thanksgiving is today, Black Friday is tomorrow and then comes Cyber Monday – the serious start of the Christmas shopping season. And much of the action will be via computer. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Online ease drives most shoppers



Close to 50 per cent of Canadians shopped online in 2007.

TechNow

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Close to 50 per cent of Canadians shopped online in 2007. However, we still lag behind our cousins in the United States of America, where nearly 80 per cent of U.S. 'netizens' made an online purchase last year. Experts say consumers don't have to be convinced to go online — rather, it's a matter of the need to make your website stand out and attract people.

Carol Miles at Sitebrand in Gatineau advises compa-

nies on how to convert a website visitor into someone who makes a purchase or signs up for something. She says Canadian sites need to make it clear they are Canadian. For example fly the flag, quote prices in Canadian dollars, and give a reason to shop online, be that lower prices, discounts, or free shipping.

Free shipping has become a crucial consideration by online shoppers. In the past shipping fees often made items too expensive to buy, but Miles says retailers are looking hard at whether or not to charge for shipping.

Nielsen Online in the U.S. reported last week that the number one reason to go online is still convenience. More than three-quarters of people said the ability to shop 24/7 is push-

ing them to the keyboard. Saving time and avoiding crowds also ranked above low prices.

As for who is shopping online, some may be surprised to learn it's not the teenagers. While 97 per cent of teens use the Internet, only a quarter of those shop online — most likely because they don't have a credit card. The shopping kings are in fact the 25- to 34-year-olds.

As for security, a simple piece of advice can keep you out of a lot of trouble, and it is this: Don't give out information you wouldn't provide in a regular store. Plus the old standby applies in the online world, if a deal is too good to be true, stay away from it.

Finally, some advice for online shoppers:

- Be selective but consider

signing up for e-mail or text alerts regarding sales from your favourite retailer.

- Try a browser application at priceadvance.com. If you go to a member store to price an item, you will get prices from competing stores.

- CouponMountain.ca offers online coupons for a few hundred Canadian stores.

- SmartCanucks.com encourages users to contribute shopping secrets.

PAUL'S WEBSITE OF THE WEEK: retailmenot.com — A site that provides codes for online coupons. Enter the code while checking out at a site to receive a discount. This Sunday as part of the CTV NEWS @ 6, one of the stories on TECH NOW will be a look at China's efforts to use tech to go green.



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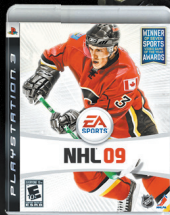
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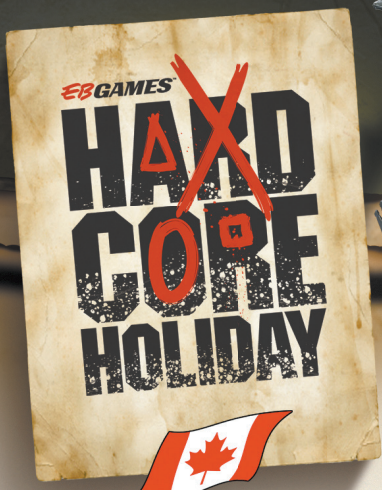
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Zune gives iPod run for its money

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Once a one-word punch line on online geek forums, Microsoft's Zune has been getting more respect in the last year, as second- and third-generation players and a major software update has changed its status from joke to contender.

The iPod's ubiquity might have reached a tipping point and begun diminishing its cool factor, but a comparison between the two players has become something like a fair fight.

There are a lot of digital music players, but the Zune and the iPod are the Beatles and Rolling Stones, as Microsoft's entry into the market two years ago quickly zoomed past more established players

like Creative, iRiver and Sansa to second place, albeit far behind iPod's massive market share (73 per cent, at least according to Apple as of last year.)

In terms of usability, Zune stole the march on the iPod with the last major revision of Apple's operating system, when the famously elegant interface gave way to a

graphics-heavy split screen that felt kludgy, especially when Coverflow was engaged. Zune's interface, controlled by a signature "squirrel" pad with its mix of click and touch sensitivity, feels more responsive, and the larger screen on the Zune gives the player's interface readability.

With its choice of customizable wallpapers and the Zune Originals — artist-decorated players available at no extra cost — Microsoft has reversed the brand myths that have made Apple the epitome of creative rebellion versus Microsoft's faceless behemoth, but the iPod was going to have a hard time maintaining that image for the iPod once it reached market saturation anyway.

The Zune adds features — FM radio, wifi — that Apple has curiously neglected, while eschew-

ing an EQ that would be a minus if the player didn't have basically excellent sound. Apple, in the meantime, has shown a commitment to its standard issue sub-par earbuds that's almost perverse. And since Apple axed its 160 GB iPod from the Classic line, the two players compete neatly on memory capacity, with the Zune's frequent price drops on its smaller flash players (4, 8 and 16 GB players for \$99, \$139 and \$179 respectively) making it the better deal.

The Zune's software has also improved, moving from a reskinned Windows Media Player to an integrated suite combining music database and syncing interface, download shop and the Social — the Facebook lite users' community that it obviously intends as a killer app against Apple. It might be that one day, once there are enough Zune owners out there, but so far my community of Zune friends is limited to two

nice publicists at Microsoft's PR firm, and as there's no Canadian version of the Marketplace, the Zune will really only be competing with small-fry players in this market.

Apple's iTunes remains superior however, as an organizing tool for large music libraries, though bugs (disappearing tunes, album artwork, and even whole libraries) have developed a Windows-like frequency as the program has grown in size and demands on computer CPUs. Apple's iPod Touch, an entirely new piece of hardware and software, also points the way to a future that the Zune will be forced to follow. And for anyone whose music library exceeds the capacity of the largest music players (120GB, for both iPod and Zune), the playing field belongs to iTunes, with its Airport wireless networking capability. It's



Apple's iPod Touch, left, and iPod Nanos, below.



Microsoft's 80GB Zune music player, left, and the 8GB Zune.



not hard to imagine a day when Apple, the computer maker, leaves the music player field to Microsoft, the software giant, to concentrate on iTunes as a digital entertainment system.

Honky-tonk and headbangers among holiday's jolliest jingles

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CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME for family, gift exchanges and musicians to rehash the traditional songs of the season in their particular style, for better or worse. So in the interest of saving you time and sanity this Christmas, Metro perused some of the season's jolliest jingles.

Various Artists

Album: We Wish You a Metal Xmas and a Headbanging New Year

Label: Armoury

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

Gods of hard rock unite to shred and wail all your favourite seasonal standards in this raucous and wonderful collection of mirth-making metal mayhem. Jams of note include God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen as howled by Ronnie James Dio, and a take on Silent Night done in part by Testament's Chuck Billy and Anthrax's Scott Ian — a version of the hymn that is anything but quiet. An absolute must for those who will celebrate Jesus' birth by pumping their devil horns in the air.

Anne Murray

Album: Anne Murray's Christmas Album

Label: EMI

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

Anne Murray's seventh Christmas album is everything you might expect. The Canadian music icon knows her audience and sticks to what she does well. Sugary productions with a countrified twang lay out the traditional tracks. CanCon contemporaries Michael Bublé and Diana Krall join Murray on her latest, increasing the likelihood that one of these covers may find its way onto a CBC Christmas special that your mom will watch with bells on.

Enya

Album: And Winter Came

Label: Warner Bros.

Rating: ⓈⓈ½

Irish songstress Enya has chosen to make a Christmas album her first release in three years, even though she already has three seasonal works to her name. And none of it deviates from her Celtic new-age modus operandi; drawn out "oohs" and "aahs" weave in with ebbing and

flowing long chords while she jumps from English to Latin to Gaelic. The stars twinkle, nights are full of kisses — you'll find all manner of such generic sentimental dross here. Tryptophan for the ear.

Various Artists

Album: Country Heat Christmas 3

Label: Sony/BMG

Rating: Ⓢ

Some of the genre's brightest stars unite, yet again, to shamelessly unleash a collection of horrifying slack-jawed treatments upon an undeserving public. Offenders include ex-Idol Kellie Pickler, who takes the already tasteless Santa Baby to ostentatious new lows, and Canadian Paul Brandt, who regurgitates novelty song Convoy into a narrative-led disaster.

Other such acts play to the unfair hillbilly stereotype — adding the Hee Haw along with the heat on what will likely be this year's most abrasive Christmas album.

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3 Primp up at the parties with the gold clutch at hand. Clarins Chic n Glam holiday gift set, \$49, is available at Sears (sears.com).

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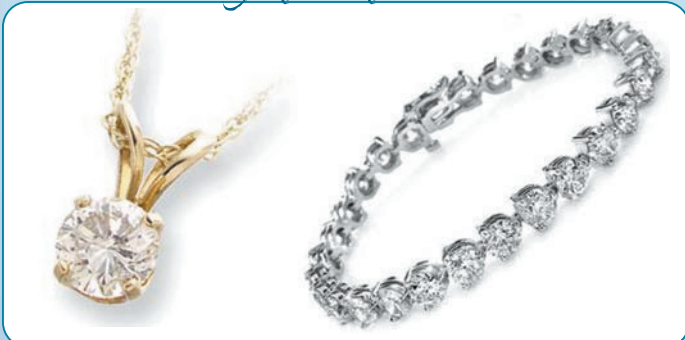
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Holiday Shopping Guide II

Online shopping up

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Crowded stores, frustrated shoppers, inexperienced and temporary holiday help at the store — it might all add up to make online Christmas shopping more attractive.

More customers are opting to complete their shopping lists with the click of a button, buying their Christmas presents at online retailers, and the number of online shoppers around the world is expected to rise this year. IMRG, an online membership community for e-retailers, released a survey in late October that concluded the Internet is becoming an increasingly important tool for driving consumer choice.

Of the two million people surveyed, 68 per cent said they're more likely to shop online for Christmas this year, compared with 56 per cent in 2007. And 86 per cent of shoppers said they would research all options online before buying in-store.

It's also a growing trend in Canada, says Andrea Hadley, a conference director at eMetrics, an online retailer analyst. Increased broadband access, coupled with more American interest, has moved more retailers to follow the market.

"There's consistent growth in Canada, and so long as the customer has a good experience as a user, you'll continue to see it,"

she said.

It's not hard to see why, says Bernard Luthi, vice-president of merchandising at online retailer Newegg.ca. He argues customers are tired of dealing with throngs of angry shoppers during the Christmas rush. Infrastructure costs such as employee wages and maintenance factor into the price tag at the store — something Luthi says online retailers and customers don't have to worry about.

"We're predicting growth in the double digits this year because people are becoming more cost-conscious," he said. "You're also spending time and gas money to get to these retail establishments. Online, you have more time to (do) in-depth research on the product that you want to buy."

While security remains an issue, Hadley says it has improved, along with per-



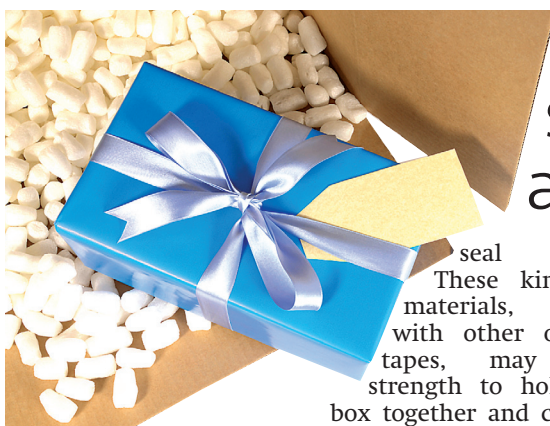
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ceptions, over the past three years.

If you are going to buy online, the earlier you order the better to ensure what you've bought gets to you by Christmas. Don't leave online shopping to the last minute either, Luthi says, adding you can expect to wait at least 3-5 days before you get your package from your online retailer.

"We always advise, especially in the Christmas season, to give yourself adequate time," he said.

Holiday shipping dos and don'ts



seal boxes. These kinds of materials, along with other opaque tapes, may lack strength to hold the box together and can obscure addresses.

When packages arrive at your loved ones' doorsteps this holiday season, ensure they arrive on time and ready to delight.

Shipping experts encourage consumers and businesses to think ahead when it comes to shipping this holiday season. Consider the following dos and don'ts when preparing gifts:

Don't

- Use masking tape, duct tape or electrical tape to

- Tie your package together with string, rope or elastic bands. These items can potentially get caught in processing equipment or torn off, damaging the parcel itself.
- Use real holiday wrapping paper to ship a gift, as it is likely to get torn up throughout the delivery cycle. Use strong, durable shipping paper instead.
- Allow any parts of your gift to protrude from the box, as it may get caught in processing equipment.

- Forget to include clearly visible shipping and receiving addresses, complete with postal codes.

Do

- Whenever possible, use a new box to ship your gift as previously-used boxes lose their strength over time.
- Use cardboard inserts to protect the edges of books and picture frames and pack against one corner of the box as opposed to the middle.
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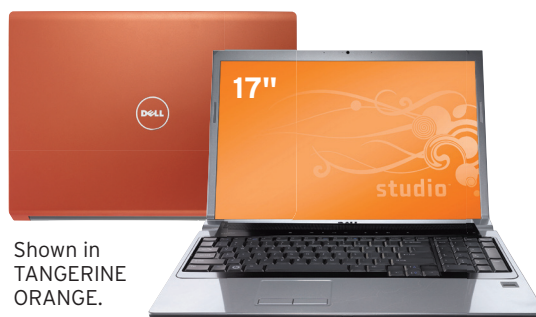
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Good value

We've been pleasantly surprised by O at Home, a magazine that delivers plenty of inspiration while being realistic about most folks' decor budgets; see oprah.com/magazine/oathome.

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When renovations make over your marriage

Home improvement can be tough on relationships

Are you and your partner undergoing a home renovation? How wonderful! But before I shake your hand, I need to wish you good luck as a couple, because you'll need it.

The old chestnut that home renovation is responsible for ruining many a marriage has a hard kernel of truth, I'm afraid. To keep your marriage intact during a renovation, you'll need to discuss, negotiate disagreements, and reach a decision with civility.

You'll also need to communicate clearly but tactfully that you prefer the olive green rather than that sage that your partner just loves. And you will, from time to

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time, have to — oh, how I hate the word — compromise. And did I just refer to “a” decision? Ha! There are thousands of decisions to be made, every day. They'll haunt you in your sleep. And then you'll wake up at the crack of dawn to a whistling contractor banging on your bedroom door.

Did I mention privacy? Well, you can toss aside that quaint notion for now. The contractor banging on the

bedroom door? Soon he'll be walking into your room and opening your curtains for you. My advice is to get decent robes for you and your family. You'll be using them.

And there's one more thing. As soon as you break walls or put up new ones, you'll be living in a winter wonderland of drywall dust. You'll be breathing in drywall dust, and every single thing you own will be saturated with drywall dust. And cleaning the dust will only make you feel better for a little while, because it settles happily back into place after a few hours. My blood pressure is going up just thinking about it.

I know there are some hardy souls who manage to

stay cool, cordial and non-stressed during a renovation — my hat's off to them. But I think they're in the minority. The truth is that renovations disrupt your tidy little domestic life like nothing else. If you and your hubby have small niggling arguments about where to store the cutting boards, renovations have a way of increasing exponentially the number of things about which you can argue.

Furthermore, things that should be mildly irritating end up becoming major irritants. Before long, you're having the same pointless arguments and now they're getting personal.

If you recognize yourself here, take heart. Even the most loving couple can ap-



During home renovations, it takes work to keep your relationship with your partner on an even keel.

pear to eat each other alive after a few months of reno hell. The good thing is that renos and the marriage-stressing conditions associated with renos do eventually end. And then you'll

suddenly, miraculously, be able to laugh at each other's jokes again.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in home decor and design. She has written extensively for the TV show Arresting Design.



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Food

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A real potluck party pleaser

À la carte**Barb Holland**

Metro Food Writer

It seems every open house or potluck party I've attended or hosted has a variation of meatballs in sauce. And despite the fact that they are rather inelegant and drippy, they're familiar comfort food and always popular. Here's one I created a few years ago and serve or take it often. If you have a slow cooker, use it to keep them warm. They freeze well, so make a batch and stash till needed.

Cranberry Chipotle Glazed Meatballs

Chipotles are dried smoked jalapeno peppers in a spicy tomato vinegar sauce (adobo sauce). They are quite spicy and add a wonderful rich, smoky flavour. Purée the entire can, including sauce, until smooth. You won't need the entire can, so freeze the remaining in a resealable bag or freezer container for another use, such as chili, pulled pork or to kick up mayonnaise for a dip. Makes about 36 meatballs (recipe can be doubled).

INGREDIENTS:

- 1-1/2 lbs (750 g) lean ground chicken or turkey
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) prepared horseradish



Alternately serve these meatballs as a simple supper over mashed potatoes.

- 2 tsp (10 mL) ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt

- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- Sauce:**
- 398 mL can jellied

(smooth not whole berry) cranberry sauce

- 215 g can chipotles with adobo sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) horseradish or more to taste
- Salt and pepper

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).

Place a wire rack(s) over a large shallow rimmed pan. Lightly combine ground chicken or turkey, horseradish, cumin, salt and pepper and roll into small balls (about 1-inch/2.5 cm). Place balls on rack. Bake until cooked through, about 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, place cranberry sauce in a 4-cup (1 L) glass measure or small saucepan. Microwave or

cook over low heat until sauce has melted. Purée the entire can of chipotles and adobo sauce. Add 2 tbsp (30 mL) purée to cranberry sauce, along with horseradish and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a gentle boil, reduce heat and simmer a few minutes. Taste and adjust heat level (chipotles) or seasoning.

Combine meatballs and sauce. If serving soon, bring mixture to a simmer, transfer to a slow cooker, chafing dish or warm serving dish. If making ahead, cool then refrigerate or freeze. Reheat when ready to serve.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

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Style



H&M partners with Williamson

It'll be a colour drenched summer. Renowned British designer Matthew Williamson, known for his colourful collections, will be H&M's next guest designer. His first collection will be an exclusive women's fashion range, which will hit select stores on April 23. To follow will be men's and women's summer pieces available at H&M stores worldwide in mid-May. Last year Williamson was honoured with an exhibition at the Design Museum in London called "Matthew Williamson — 10 Years in Fashion."

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Hit the slopes in neon designs

Winter jackets

Show your style on the mountain with full designs and patterns on your jackets. This season it's all about freestyle sketch designs in bright neon colours. Regardless of where you're hitting the slopes, there are three types of jackets you should be aware of. First, the shell jacket is best used in milder winter conditions. The regular insulated jacket and the three-in-one jacket that combines the two jackets with removable zips is most popular in climates that experience a lot of versatility.



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Style File

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I am looking to buy skis but don't know where to start?

Nordica suggests that you first ask yourself and let the retailer know about your actual skiing habits, such as how many times a year you hit the slopes and what type of terrain you prefer. Then think about your budget and be realistic with it. It's always good to spend a little more for quality. And remember, it's important to know your height and weight as it determines the length of your skis.

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Mittens

I've been shopping around for gloves and I've noticed that the best gloves to buy for any winter sport are mittens. Mittens trap the heat in from your entire hand, whereas gloves individually trap the heat in for each finger, making the insulation thicker and unbearable for fingers to move in.

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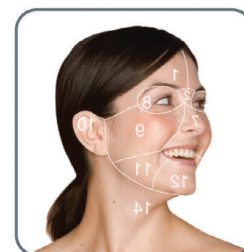
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New U2 album almost ready

U2 has almost finished work on their 12th studio album. Although the followup to 2004's How To Dismantle An Atomic Bomb will not be released until 2009, Interscope label chairman Jimmy Iovine says the album is nearly complete. **ANANOVA.COM**

Entertainment

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Stan again

Eminem's sixth studio album will feature a track labelled as the followup to his 2000 hit single Stan. The album is due out in early 2009.

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Guns are finally loaded

The Fireman

Album: Electric Arguments

Label: ATO/MPL

Rating: ●●●●½

PAUL MCCARTNEY HAS been desperately seeking to prove his artistic met-



al ever since Yoko Ono came out with that devastating "rhymes June with spoon" comment. One of the ways he's been doing that is through his Fireman collaborations with Killing Joke producer Youth. Here he steps it up a notch, adding immediately recognizable vocals and long shards of rootsy melody to the acid-drenched brew. The result is a remarkably satisfying alt-rock album that would fit in on many indie-kid playlists. Let's not forget that McCartney's name shares space with Lennon's, however nominally, on such classic psychedelics as I Am The Walrus and Tomorrow Never Knows.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Directorial debut

• Christopher Ciccone, who has directed music videos for his sister Madonna, will make his feature directorial debut with the teen thriller Twist.

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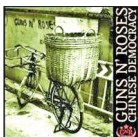
Guns N' Roses

Album: Chinese Democracy

Label: Geffen/Universal

Rating: ●●●●½

THIS WOULD HAVE been a landmark album if it had been released 15 years ago when Axl Rose began his Arthurian quest. It may have even saved hair metal from the onslaught of grunge (doubtful). Now, with its gunslinger guitars and castrato vocals, Chinese Democracy seems like a shiny relic unearthed from hair-



metal Camelot. Rose has given finally given us his Sgt. Pepper of pop metal. At times it reaches power-ballad heaven. At others, it merely tastes like overdone Meatloaf. Maybe Axl left it in the oven a little too long. **Graham Rockingham**
/for Metro Canada

Guns N' Roses' frontman Axl Rose finally released Chinese Democracy this week.

Kanye West

Album: 808s & Heartbreak

Label: Roc-A-Fella/Universal

Rating: ●●●●

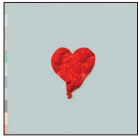
SINCE THE DEATH of his mother and the dissolution of a long-term relationship, the usually brash Kanye has been more subdued musically. His fol-

low-up to last year's Graduation is a somber affair with slow, mellow songs about heartbreak and loss. While it's not nearly as exciting as previous efforts, it's still intriguing to see this hip-hop superstar get in touch with his softer side. The biggest detraction isn't the few plodding tunes that could have been cut, it's the overzealous use of auto-tune. If he used his own vocal skills this could have been a classic.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

On the web

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U2, Coldplay contribute to digital mag

MUSIC Some of the biggest names in music are contributing exclusive songs to RED(WIRE), a digital music magazine that launches on World AIDS Day (Dec. 1).

U2, Coldplay, the Killers, the Dixie Chicks, John Legend, R.E.M. and Bob Dylan are on board for the initiative, which is an outgrowth of the Bono-reared activist organization called (RED). All proceeds from subscriptions will benefit HIV-infected people in Africa.

For \$5 US, users will receive a new issue of RED(WIRE) every Wednesday, featuring an exclusive song from a major musician, a song from a performer who (RED) aims to showcase and other features.

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Snapshot

"C'mon, Bossy, work it!" This new episode of the series spotlighting Canadian photographers turns the lens on Rob MacInnis and his Farm Family Project, in which he uses barnyard animals as models. As he puts it, his intent is "to draw parallels between the idealization of the human form in contemporary fashion photography and the subjugation of animals by humans." No, he's not putting sheep in designer gowns, but his images are worth a look. 8 PM on 40 BVO



The Incredibles

This is one family that won't have to worry about Halloween costumes. Once public superheroes, Elastigirl and Mr. Incredible settle down and recede from society's critical eye. But after three children and no action, Bob "Mr. Incredible" Parr gets restless and joins a secret organization. When he gets in trouble, it's up to his family to save him. Voices include Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Jason Lee, Spencer Fox and Sarah Vowell. 8 PM on 9 NBC

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	208	303	8	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	The Nature of Things (N)	Pagan Christ		CBC News: The National		The Hour
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	117	713	10	TVA	La Fièvre de la danse (SC)		Les Actions du Banquier	JPR hors série	Vlog (N) (SC)	TVA 22 heures	(10:45) Denis Lévesque	
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	218	345	18	E!	The Insider (N)	E! News	Click ** (2006, Comedy)	Adam Sandler, Christopher Walken.		To Be Announced		News (N)
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Daly to be a daddy
TV personality Carson Daly and girlfriend Siri Pinter are expecting their first child together in early spring. PEOPLE.COM

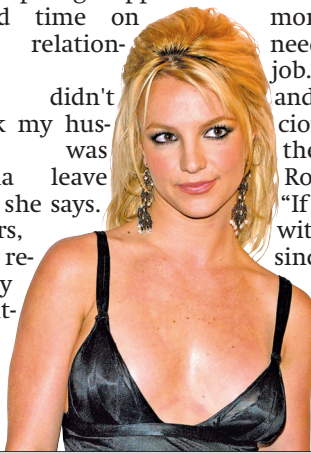
Celebrity Buzz

Kevin left Britney

REVELATION Britney Spears has revealed Kevin Federline ended their marriage, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer filed for divorce in 2006, but has now confessed it was actually the aspiring rapper who called time on their relationship.

"I didn't think my husband was gonna leave me," she says. Spears, who recently admitted the marriage



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was a mistake, also revealed her sadness over the split because it means the couple's two sons, Sean Preston, 3, and Jayden James, 2, can't enjoy a traditional upbringing.

"To be a really good mom, I feel your child needs to be your full-time job. I want to raise my kids and share all of those precious moments with them," Spears tells *Rolling Stone* magazine. "If Kevin hadn't left, I'd be with my babies 24/7. But since they're almost like twins, they both take care of each other."

Spears has three visits a week with her sons.

Jolie denies pregnancy

RUMOUR Angelina Jolie has been forced to deny she is pregnant again following tabloid reports suggesting the actress is expecting her fourth biological child with Brad Pitt, imdb.com reports.

In *Touch* magazine has most recently claimed Jolie is pregnant again, reporting that Jolie announced the news to a waiter in a London restaurant after he tried to pour her an alcoholic drink.

But the star's representative, Geyer Kosinski, refutes the reports, telling usmagazine.com the claims are "not true."

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Dating Clooney 'stressful,' ex says

RELATIONSHIPS Dating George Clooney was "nerve-racking" and "stressful" as far as his model ex Sarah Larson was concerned, imdb.com reports.

The former cocktail waitress admits she loved dating the actor, but the romance wasn't always a hoot.

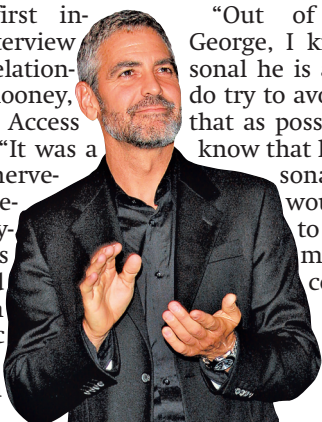
In her first in-depth TV interview about her relationship with Clooney, Larson tells *Access Hollywood*, "It was a little nerve-racking because everybody loves George, and so, to be in the public eye like that, it was a

little bit stressful. It's a lot to take in. I think I just went like a deer in the headlights. At times, I (didn't) know what to do."

The pair dated for almost a year and Larson reveals the break up was fast, and she hasn't kept in touch with Clooney. Still, Larson is determined not to kiss-and-tell.

"Out of respect for George, I know how personal he is and so I really do try to avoid as much of that as possible, because I know that he's a very personal guy and I would never want to do anything to make (him) uncomfortable."

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Winslet stunned to get big break

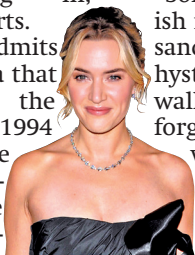
CAREER Kate Winslet was so stunned when she landed her big break in Peter Jackson's *Heavenly Creatures*, she had to be escorted from the delicatessen she was working in, imdb.com reports.

The actress admits she had no idea that she'd landed the lead role in the 1994 film, and the phone call confirming the part was a com-

plete shock to her.

"I was in the middle of making a sandwich and I had to leave work pretty much immediately," she tells *Parade* magazine. "Somebody else had to finish making this poor guy's sandwich, because I was hysterical. Then I had to walk home, because I had forgotten to collect my wages before I left, and I had no bus fare."

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Anderson wants to be taken seriously

IMAGE Pamela Anderson is ready to ditch her image as a pinup so she can reinvent herself as a serious actress, imdb.com reports. Now that she's 41, the former *Baywatch* star is reportedly eager to be a better role model for her two sons. "Pam felt her management team just

saw her as a sexy pinup, and she wants to be taken more seriously," a source tells *Star* magazine.

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Kidman won't release Australia diary

PEOPLE Nicole Kidman has scrapped plans to release the diary she kept while filming *Australia* because it's too personal, imdb.com reports. "I was going to release the diary and then I thought, 'No, I can't release it, this is too personal.' Then bits of it ended up in the press, so people have read little bits of it," Kidman says.

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HELLO! Hot shot of the week



PETER BRICC/HELLO! CANADA

The *Young and the Restless* star Eric Braeden, a.k.a., the charmingly ruthless Victor Newman, recently welcomed *HELLO! Canada* into his luxurious Los Angeles home. While he's nothing like Victor Newman, he certainly has his alter-ego's self-discipline. "Today, I did 100 pushups," says the 67-year-old former athlete, who stays in shape by playing tennis, biking and boxing. "If I don't have much time during the day, I'll do 100 squats in the shower."

HELLO! CANADA magazine, now available on newsstands – read more at hellomagazine.ca

Mariah musical in the works

PEOPLE Mariah Carey's life story is set to be made into a musical, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer has reportedly attracted attention from a big name in the theatre industry who wants to create a Broadway show based on her.

"A huge, huge Broadway producer is interested in Mariah's story and it's in discussions," a source says. "Who would turn down

an opportunity like that? Mariah has a fascinating life."

The stage show is set to feature some of the 39-year-old's most highly publicized troubles including her divorce from Sony boss Tommy Mottola in 1997, arguments with record producers and her reported physical and emotional breakdown.

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Cruz, Bardem's relationship may be in trouble

COUPLES Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem's relationship is reportedly on the rocks, femalefirst.co.uk

reports. The actress, who has been dating the actor since August, is said to be furious after he broke their agreement to take a year-long sabbatical to star in the new movie *Biutiful*.

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Richie, Madden to wed in January?

COUPLES Nicole Richie and Joel Madden are reportedly set to marry on their daughter's first birthday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple, who welcomed Harlow into the world on Jan. 11, are reportedly keen to tie the knot on the landmark date to show their child how much they love each other.

"They want to set an example for Harlow," a friend of the pair said.

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